வெகுசீக்கிரமாக அந்த சர்ச்சையை முடிவு செய்து அதை சீக்கிரமாக வாங்கி திரையிடப்படுவதற்கு வேண்டிய முயற்சியை அரசாங்கம் செய்யுமா என்பதை அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்.

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : அதற்கு உடனடியாக பதில் சொல்ல முடியாது.

Loudspeakers and microphones

* 511 *Q.*—SRI A. A. RASHEED : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to control indiscriminate use of microphone and loudspeakers, both in the City and the suburbs?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Yes, Sir.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : Is the Hon. Minister aware that a Bill has been passed in the West Bengal Legislative Assembly for that purpose. If so, will the Government be pleased to bring forward such a legislation to control these things?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : As it is, the Government have no idea of introducing any legislation to that effect. But they have been taking steps to control and regulate the nuisance that would be caused by the use of loudspeakers and microphones.

* 512 *Q.*—SRI S. LAZAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware of the loudspeaker menace in all towns and big panchayats; and

(*b*) the steps taken by the Government to control the same?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The Government are examining the question.

SRI T. T. DANIEL : May I know the nature of the important proposals the Government have to control the nuisance of loudspeakers and microphones?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : It is proposed not to permit the use of microphones before 6 a.m. and after 10 p.m. Of course, this is already being done. It is also proposed not to permit the use of microphones continuously for more than three hours. It is further proposed not to permit their use in the vicinity of hospitals, places of work and educational or any other public institutions in the locality.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : Do the Police have any powers to stop this nuisance at the present time?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : It is the Commissioner of Police in the City and the Deputy Superintendent of Police in the districts who issue licences for the use of microphones.